



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Duck Valley UST/LUST Follow-up

FROM: Patricia D. Eklund, Chief
Office of Underground Storage Tanks

TO: Matthew Small, Hydrogeologist
Walter Guggenheimer, Geologist
Tracy Foster, Environmental Protection Assistant

This memorandum follows up on our December 1, 1995 meeting with Water Division and Bill Beck, representing the Tribal Government regarding Duck Valley. As agreed, we will do the following:

- 1) The School District (owner/operator) submitted a tank tightness test for their tanks, but not their piping. Walter Guggenheimer will prepare an additional letter requesting the School District submit a tightness test for the piping. This will ensure that the tanks and the piping are tight.
- 2) We have had difficulty getting a response from the owner of the old Texaco site. Tracy Foster will continue to work with Superfund to locate the assets and address of the owner so we can send a follow up letter. In addition, since this site may be turned over to the BIA, we should follow up with the BIA on pending activity needed at this site. Walter Guggenheimer will prepare a letter to the BIA indicating that there are several tanks at this site that need to be removed.
- 3) The BIA removed 2 USTs located near the above ground storage tank that contained diesel. The removed USTs are being stored on site. Walter Guggenheimer will prepare a letter to the BIA requesting resolution of the ultimate disposition of these USTs.

Water Division will continue to keep us apprised of the status of their enforcement order. As we have done in the past, Matt Small will provide technical assistance to Water Division (if needed) on how the existing wells should be closed.

As mentioned at the meeting, it has been our assessment all along that the well contamination originated from the above ground tank and underground piping which is not regulated under Subtitle I. However, since we do have some outstanding UST/LUST issues in the vicinity of these drinking water wells, it is important for us to follow up. If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Doris Betuel ✓
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RESERVATION

Population

No of
HomesWATER
Connech.

Duckwater

124

55

55

Duck Valley

1,290

224

224

Goshute

181

31

31

Battle Mountain

134

62

62